

Forensic Science | Unit 5 Case Study – Lindy Chamberlain

Using the information provided for the case and information gathered from the internet, fill in the required information in the space provided below.

Introduction to the case: Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton was born in March 1948 in Whakatane, on the North Island of New Zealand.

In November 1969, she married Michael Chamberlain, who was also born in New Zealand. Shortly after marriage, Lindy and Michael moved to Tasmania where they lived for five years while Michael pastored churches there. Their first child, Aidan Leigh was born, followed shortly by two more children including a daughter, Azaria Chamberlain in June of 1980.

On 17 August 1980, while on a family holiday, nine-week-old Azaria Chamberlain was reported to have been taken by a dingo from a campground near Ayers Rock. After two investigations and a police raid on her house, Lindy Chamberlain was tried and convicted of the murder of her baby daughter. She was sentenced to life in prison with hard labor. Lindy's fourth child Kahlia Chamberlain was born in November 1982 in Darwin Hospital while Lindy was in the custody of Darwin Prison.

Continue gathering information about the conviction of Lindy Chamberlain by reading the [Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton](#) website. Make sure you follow all the Quick Facts links on the page to thoroughly investigate the case.

1. Case Name: (1 point)
2. Date crime occurred: (1 point)
August 17, 1980
3. Victim(s): (1 point)
Azaria Chamberlain
4. Persons of interest named in the investigation and relationship to victim(s): (1 point)
Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton, Mother of victim
5. Summary of crime sequence: (Detailed summary of what actually happened.) (5 points)
the chamberlain family went camping. They put the two younger children to bed in their tent. Two hours later, they heard Azaria cry out. Lindy ran to the tent to see what was wrong. Lindy said that Azaria was kidnapped by a dingo. A massive search was organized. Azaria was not found but the jumpsuit she was wearing was found about a week later. Lindy was accused of murder.

6. In lesson 5.1 you learned tests that could be performed to distinguish human and animal blood. What is that test and how could it have been helpful in this case? (6 points)
Test for specific proteins only found in human blood. It could have helped show which blood was animal blood.
7. In lesson 5.2 you learned about the three major types of blood stains. In this case, which types of stains were most prevalent? (6 point)
Passive bloodstains found on the baby's clothes. They also thought there was blood in a car, but it was actually just chemicals.
8. Outcome of the case and current status: (This includes court proceedings and decisions, verdicts, sentences, etc.) (4 points)
Lindy convicted of murder, released 4 years later after baby's jacket discovered.
9. List at least 3 things you found interesting about this case: (3 points)
It was the first time a dingo ate a baby
Lindy gave birth in prison
The baby's jacket was still able to be traced back to Azaria after 4 years
10. Sources: (Record links to your sources.) (2points)
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